

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated it is business as usual at the plant. They are getting ready to winterize the plant for the winter and go into the winter routine. Green lines are being painted in National Homes and Sixth Street. Joe will be hanging notices tomorrow for the National Homes update meeting on Monday night. Assistant Superintendent Bob Lindley has been hauling sludge getting the beds ready for winter.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that the Rotary Club is helping to fund a few items at the parks. They will purchase the grills for Jordan Park. They are also going to rebuild the gazebo in the lower level of the City Park and make it bigger. Lots of people get married there and it will make the space more enjoyable for wedding parties. There were 26 volunteers for the clean up at Altherr Park on Saturday, August 27, 2011. It went well and they filled four dumpsters that day. Subway donated food and a lady donated money for the drinks that day. The Parks Board brought on an intern student from Purdue. His name is Travis Nuest. He is doing renderings of each park in the City, along with the Tornado Memorial. They will be placed on the City's website. On September 21, 2011 at the next Parks Board meeting he will be doing a presentation and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that they have finished the City's asphalt project. It took four days and things went very well. Deno Construction has started on sidewalks. There are plans to pour gutters on the north part of Sixth Street on the west side from US 24 to Fisher Street on Thursday. They will do asphalt at the same time north of Fisher Street. Work is being done in order to asphalt Ohio, First, Second, and Third Streets by the end of the month for the National Homes project.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they have been busy the last couple of weeks. They had a busy weekend with thankfully minor calls. The Ordinance Officers has started and going through his pre-basic training this week. Curt hopes to have it rapped up by this time next week. His department is working on end of the summer things.

Fire Chief Swaim stated that there were no major incidents over the weekend for his department with only ambulance calls. He gave the Council his monthly report for July 2011. All of his department employees are good and trucks are running okay.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool was absent from the meeting.

**Permission to Hold 2012 Spirit of Monticello Festival - Ken Prieboy**

Ken Prieboy, Spirit of Monticello Festival Representative, stated that the 2012 Spirit of Monticello Festival will be July 27th, 28th, and 29th. He and his committee did not want to wait until the last minute and are asking permission to have the following roads closed for this event - Friday, July 27th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Main Street from Washington to Harrison and Broadway from Illinois to Bluff Street - Saturday, July 28th same as Friday and including Illinois Street from Washington to Broadway - Sunday July 29th same as above and including Broadway from Railroad Street to Illinois and Illinois from Broadway to Harrison Street for the car show that day. Streets will reopen on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. after the stage is removed and clean up is completed. Council Member Jim Mann asked Ken if this event is being coordinated between the festival committee and the Monticello Business Alliance committee. Ken stated no because the Monticello Business Alliance was mainly in charge of Friday night's event and does not want to be part of the other two days of the festival. He gave the Council eight reasons why the his committee is requesting to have their own three day festival for 2012. After much discussion on this topic between the Spirit of Monticello Festival committee, Monticello Business Alliance committee, and the Council it was decided that Council Member Jim Mann and Council Member Eric Storm will meet separately with each committee. Then they will meet with a representative from each group to try and come to an agreement and work together on next year's festival all before the next Council meeting. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to table the request that Ken's come forward with on next year's festival until the next regular Council meeting on September 19th, seconded by Board Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

**Permission to Hold 2011 Fall Festival & 2012 Festivals - Ingrid Landis, Monticello Business Alliance**

Ingrid Landis was unable to attend the meeting. Kevin Page represented the Monticello Business Alliance at tonight's meeting. He stated that the MBA started four years ago as a way to get business people together so everything was coordinated - Christmas sales, Fall sales, and various other holidays. They put together Friday night's event for the festival this past July. Kevin stated that this used to be a two day festival and has now turned into a three day festival. He stated that some of the Festival committee members were at their meetings but stopped coming when they found out alcohol would be served at this event. The MBA uses the money they make on Friday's event to hold different activities throughout the year. Again, there was much discussion between the Monticello Business Alliance committee, Spirit of Monticello Festival committee, and the Council. The approval for tonight is for closing the streets for the 2012 Fall Festival which has been requested by Ingrid Landis. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the request for the September 30, 2011 Fall Festival from 5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. the closing of 100 block on North Main Street, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to table the Monticello Business Alliance request pertaining to the Spirit of Monticello Festival and Friday night's event, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

**First Reading Ordinance 2011-11; An Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2012**

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is the first reading by title only and is identical to last year's salary ordinance for the elected officials. Council Member Dave Kelly stated that since there is no change and no raise he moved to suspend the rules and proceed to passage of this Ordinance 2011-11, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-11, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

**First Reading Ordinance 2011-12; An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2012**

City Attorney George Loy stated that this ordinance is also identical to last year's salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees of the City. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to suspend the rules in order to adopt Ordinance 2011-12, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-12, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC  
City Clerk Treasurer